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Heagney Appointed Minority Whip



Simsbury Representative Ascends to House GOP Leadership

HARTFORD- House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward (R-North Branford) today announced his appointment of State Representative Rob Heagney (R-Simsbury) to the leadership post of Minority Whip for the 2005-07 session of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Rep. Heagney will serve as one of the caucus' four GOP whips. His duties will involve working with other members of the House Republican caucus to ensure they understand and support important GOP legislative initiatives during the 2005 and 2006 legislative sessions. The post of Whip is one of the top seven leadership posts in the House Republican structure directly underneath the two deputy leaders.

"Representative Heagney has been a vital member of the House Republican caucus who has made enormous policy contributions to our work in the General Assembly," said Representative Ward. "I am pleased to appoint him to this top Leadership post where I know we will continue to benefit from Rob's energy and thoughtful and steady approach to the legislative process."

"I am honored to be selected by the Minority Leader to fill the role of Minority Whip," said Representative Heagney. "I look forward to the opportunity to serve in the House Republican leadership, and appreciate the challenges that we will address together during the coming legislative session."

Representative Heagney, who represents the 116th district in the state House, was first elected in 1998.

The 2005 session of the General Assembly will begin on Wednesday, January 5, 2005.